

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 ✕ 10 am

## Welcome to St. Bede's Episcopal Church

St. Bede's is a sacred place where God and the human pilgrimage meet. It is a welcoming community, characteristic of the God we serve as followers of Christ—welcoming and affirming people of every race, age, sexuality, culture, ethnicity, gender identity, education, economic circumstances, family configuration, and ability. We believe Jesus the Christ to be the incarnation of God's love—the God who is reconciling and offering hospitality to the whole world.

## Holy Eucharist The Liturgy of the Word

**Voluntary** *Rustington*

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** O Jesus, crowned with all renown (*Kingsfold*)

**Hymnal 292**

**Opening Acclamation**

*One* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Many* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Hymnal S-278 (Mathias)*



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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### Collect of the Day

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009), alt.

One God be with you.  
 Many And also with you.  
 One Together, let us pray.

Holy One, Trinity of love, you invite us to abide in you. May we follow the Spirit of truth, so that through us your commanding love may speak to the heart of the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Lesson Acts 17:22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day

on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*One* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*Many* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 66:7–18** (*read responsively*)

<sup>7</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
let the sound of praise be heard;

<sup>8</sup> **God holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup> **You brought us into the snare \*  
and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>11</sup> You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

<sup>13</sup> I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup> **Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

<sup>15</sup> I called out to God with my mouth, \*  
and high praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup> **If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
God would not have heard me;**

<sup>17</sup> But in truth God has heard me \*  
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup> **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld steadfast love from me.**

**Sequence Hymn** Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him (*Daniel’s Tune*)

**Hymnal 373**

**Gospel** John 14:15–21

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*Many* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see

me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*One* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Many* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Rev'd Lynnsay A. Buehler

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *(said by all)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

*from Intercessions for the Christian People*

*The deacon bids the prayers.*

Christ lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy Church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*The intercessor continues.*

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another. May our lives proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Liberated from sin and death by water and Spirit, we pray for those who do not share our hope, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Sharing in the joy of the newly baptized, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, we pray for courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died, proclaiming: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Let us welcome into this space our own prayers of celebration and hope ...

Let us welcome in prayers for healing and wholeness ...

Let us welcome in prayers for the Church and for the World ...

Let us welcome in prayers for those who have died and for those who mourn ...

*The one presiding prays the following collect.*

Holy One, on this Mother's Day, we give thanks to you for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. We ask your blessing upon all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this and offer all of our prayers this day in the name of God, Creator and Sustainer. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*One* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*Many* And also with you.

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Anthem at the Offertory**

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

words: John 14:15–17

music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585)

**Presentation Hymn** Like the murmur of the dove's song (*Bridegroom*)

**Hymnal 513**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), alt.

*One* God be with you.  
*Many* And also with you.  
*One* Lift up your hearts.  
*Many* We lift them to the Lord.  
*One* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Many* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The one presiding continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life, therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

*Hymnal S-125 (Proulx)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The one presiding continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All pray together*

**We remember Christ’s death,  
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,  
We await Christ’s coming in glory.**

*The one presiding continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Blessed Julian, Blessed Bede, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*One* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All pray together*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The one presiding breaks the bread.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S-171



*Choir* The bread which we break: alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. [Ant]

One body are we: alleluia, for though many we share one bread. [Ant]

*The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

1 Mo - thers, call up - on the Ma - ker, who will nur - ture and pro - vide.  
 2 Daugh - ters, call up - on the Mas - ter: Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly son.  
 3 Sis - ters, call up - on the Spi - rit Je - sus sent to take his place,

Cling to God, just as our child - ren see pro - tec - tion at our side.  
 Through his child - hood grow - ing, learn - ing, he ma - tured as we have done.  
 to u - nite us as his peo - ple, lead - ing us to truth and grace.

For the Lord is like a mo - ther; God gave all the world its birth.  
 Like him, let us grow in wis - dom, lov - ing and o - bey - ing God.  
 All to - ge - ther as God's child - ren, mo - thers, daugh - ters, sis - ters, praise

Mo - thers, praise the great Cre - a - tor ev - ery - where, through - out the earth.  
 Daugh - ters, give all praise to Je - sus, for he is God's liv - ing word.  
 God: Cre - a - tor, Son and Spi - rit, now to - mor - row, and al - ways.

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**Announcements**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All pray together*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
so that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

*The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.*

**Closing Hymn** O love of God, how strong and true (*Dunedin*)

**Hymnal 455**

## **Dismissal**

*One* Our worship has concluded and now our service begins.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*Many* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Voluntary** *Daniel's Tune*

## St. Bede's Prayer List

### In our St. Bede's community, prayer has recently been requested for:

Terry Cannon  
Raz Schreiber

### Prayer has been requested on a more long-term basis for:

Susan Cáceres	Jim Handsfield	Helen Abraham
Jim Helms	Barbie Olsen	Cameron Maddox
Claude Oakley	Dixie Snider	Aree Bancroft
Miriam Needham	David Boyd	Nancy Waring
Claiborne Jones	Debhani Hernandez	Frances Bowen
Margie Klein	Al and Regina Studwell	Ann Foote
Michele Heller	Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl	Sue Ellen Lampros
Lynn Williams	Mary Rodriguez	

### Prayer has also been requested for these in our wider community:

The Rev'd Richard Smith, *friend of Nancy Bruce*  
Larry Wilson, *friend of Larry Bing*  
Carlos Ramirez Vargas, *friend of Claudia Fedarko*  
Zoe Bushart, *granddaughter of Jim and Doris Bushart*  
Lawrence Pinson, *father of Laura Sellers*  
Aila Craig, *granddaughter of Helen Loeb*  
James Smythe, *great nephew of Molly Graves*  
Larry Sullivan, *friend of Joan Greer*  
John Borden, *friend of Joan Greer*  
Kayt Hoch, *daughter-in-law of Martha and David West*  
Reagan Koski, *friend of Beth Cannon*  
Bill Edgar, *father of Beth Cannon*  
Carol Guthrie, *sister of Ann Foote*  
Andy Matia, *friend of Ann Foote*  
Mary Robert, *sister of Martha Robert*  
Wright Coleman, *son of Jennie Couture*  
Fay Key, *friend of the St. Bede's community*  
Eleanor Pearlman, *granddaughter of Gwen Heaton*  
Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*

### We pray for those who have died:

Jeremy Craig, *family of Helen Loeb*

### We give thanks for those serving our country in the military:

Josh Bowers  
Jonathan

### We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week

5/10 Muriel Diguette	5/14 Rob Townes
5/11 Kelcie Sellers	5/14 Victoria Esquivel
5/11 Elijah Blackburn	5/15 Taylor Graves
5/12 Beth Schupbach	5/15 Judah Sali
5/12 Andrew Callaway	



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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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